GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:392
ANSWERED ON:23.03.2001
GRANT OF LOANS TO FARMERS
RAGHUNATH JHA

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are not entertaining the loan applications of sugarcane growing farmers directly and they have to route the application through sugar mills;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to provide speedy loans to the farmers;?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a),(b) & (c) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b) & (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 392 ANSWER IN THE LOK SABHA ON 23.03.2001.

(a),(b) & (c) : The question presumably relates to grant of loans to farmers from the Sugar Development Fund.

The Sugar Development Fund has been constituted under the Sugar Development Fund Act, 1982, which seeks to provide for the financing of activities for development of sugar industry and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. The Central Government sanctions loans from the Sugar Development Fund to sugar undertakings for the development of sugarcane in their respective areas.

There is a multi-agency network consisting of Commercial Banks, Regional Rural Banks and Cooperatives to provide timely credit to the farmers.